Dhanbad (Bihar) and that money has been misused;

(b) whether any enquiry to probe into the allegations has been instituted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, what action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) HUDCO has sanctioned five projects to the Mineral Area Development Authority, Dhanbad with loan commitment of Rs. 278.04 lakhs and Govt. of India subsidy of Rs. 50.44 lakhs details of which are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 180, Annexure No. 15]. HUDCO has reported that funds released to the agency have been properly utilised.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above, questions do not arise.

Checking the increase of Slums in Delhi

713. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of slum colonies in Delhi and whether their number is swelling day by day;

(b) what steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to check the further coming up of slum colonies in Delhi; and

(c) whether there is any policy to check the increase in the slums and if so, to what extent it has been successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that according to a survey conducted in January, 1990 there were 929 Jhuggi Jhonpari Clusters in Delhi comprising 2.60 lakh jhuggies and having a population of about 13 lakhs. Another survey was conducted in March, 1994 which revealed that the estimated number of Jhuggi Clusters was around 1080, comprising 4.80 lakh jhuggies and having a population of more than 20 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Instructions have been issued by the Government to the land owning agencies/local bodies from time to time to protect public land from encroachment at the initial stage itself through effective measures including fencing, putting up walls, launching criminal transpass cases against the encroachers and taking action against the delinquent staff charged with the responsibility of watch and ward. The Lt. Governor of Delhi has also established a Special Task Force in each of the nine districts of Delhi to collect information, initiate action and activate the land owning agencies to protect and recover the encroached public land.

गुजरात में पेय जल की अत्यधिक कमी

714. श्री चिमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या अहमदाबाद, बड़ोदरा, राजकोट, तथा जामनगर के नगर-निगमों के अन्तर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों में गर्मी के मौसम के दौरान पेयजल की अत्यधिक कमी हो जाती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं;

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन शहरों में जलापूर्ति हेतु कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई तथा आवंटित धनराशि में से कितनी धनराशि का उपयोग किया गया है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इन शहरों में जलापूर्ति हेतु विदेशी सहायता प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० यू० वेंकटेश्वरलु): (क) से (ग) जल आपूर्ति एक राज्य का विषय है। संबंधित राज्य सरकारों तथा स्थानीय निकायों द्वारा शहरी क्षेत्रों में पर्याप्त पेय जल आपूर्ति